

# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM BREAKS GROUND IN WHATELY

**WHATELY** – The Western Massachusetts Regional Library System's (WMRLS) Regional Administrator, John Ramsay and Operations Manager, Donna Augustus will host a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, May 14, 2004 to celebrate the construction of their new headquarters.

WMRLS is a state and federally funded non-profit organization that provides support services to the libraries and residents of Hampden, Hampshire, Berkshire, and Franklin counties. Membership in WMRLS is open to any library within Western Massachusetts that meets the basic requirements set by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. WMRLS offers workshops and courses designed for library trustees and school committees, reference support and bookmobile services, advisory and technical assistance to member libraries so that they may address local issues and policies, as well as assistance and planning for Summer Reading Programs.

USDA Rural Development provided \$1,226,748 for the construction of WMRLS's new headquarters in the Whately Industrial Park.

**WHO:** State Senator, Stanley Rosenberg  
State Representatives Stephen Kulik and Ellen Story  
Library Commissioner, Deborah Bornheimer  
Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts President, Kent Faerber  
Regional President of Fleet Bank, Richard Zilewicz  
USDA Rural Development State Director, David Tuttle  
Representatives of libraries across Western Massachusetts

**WHAT:** Groundbreaking ceremony

**WHERE:** 4 Industrial Drive, Whately, MA.  
Route 91 to Route 5 & 10 to Route 116 South.  
Take first right onto Pine Street to Long Plain Road.  
Industrial Drive is on the left, 3/10 of a mile off of Long Plain Road.

**WHEN:** Friday, May 14, 2004  
1:00 PM

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